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## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending.

On February 3, 2006 in response to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2005 Applicants submitted an Amendment via facsimile. In the Remarks section of that Amendment, Figures 1-3 were referred to and were listed as being attached. Upon further review, Applicants believe that Figures 1-3 were not attached. Accordingly, Applicants are submitting herewith Figures 1-3 so that the Examiner may refer to them when considering the Remarks of the Amendment filed on February 3, 2006.

## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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